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TO: All MA Ambulance Services

FROM: Jon Burstein, State EMS Medical Director
Louise Goyette, Director

DATE: October 10, 2003

RE: Adult Intraosseous Infusion Devices

EMT-Paramedics on ambulances operating at the EMT-P level, if trained and authorized by their affiliate hospital medical director, may use any adult intraosseous infusion device that is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and depends solely on operator manipulation for its penetration power (i.e., no pressurized or “gun-type” devices.)

Your affiliate hospital medical director must have authorized your EMT-Paramedics to use the adult intraosseous infusion device as an alternative to IV access. All training, competency and oversight are the responsibility of your service and its affiliate hospital medical director.

If you have any questions, contact OEMS Clinical Coordinator Tom Quail, RN, at (617) 284-8330.